

Sermon Questions

2 Corinthians 13:14

“The Grace of Jesus”

1. What stood out to you in this week’s message?
2. Begin by reading 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:28, Galatians 6:18, 1 Corinthians. 16:23, Romans 16:20, and Philemon 25. Paul strategically highlights God’s grace in the Lord Jesus as he concludes these letters. Why, then, does Paul choose to remind his readers of God’s grace in all of these verses of benediction?
3. Pastor Tom emphasizes two important aspects of God’s grace: saving grace and sustaining grace. In God’s saving grace, we see how Jesus accomplishes our salvation for us in 2 Corinthians 8:9 and Philippians 2:6-8. Why does Jesus have to become poor by becoming incarnated and dying on the cross? How does Jesus’ poverty make us spiritually rich?
4. Sustaining grace is the means by which we are able to live out our Christian faith. Read 2 Corinthians 2:7-9. What are the “thorns” in your life that God has not taken away? How have these taught you that God’s grace sustains you and is sufficient for your life?
5. Close your time together by reflecting on the following list of graces that we have as a part of being in Christ. First, talk about how you have seen God empower you through each of these graces. Finish up by praying out loud and thanking Him for His saving and sustaining grace.

Pardon. Forgiveness of sin; every spot of guilt and failure in our lives is fully and eternally banished and cleansed.

Peace. We have a settled sense of security and joy in life because of Christ. In Christ there is freedom from worry and alarm.

Provision. Every need we have or will ever have is supplied out of the riches of God’s grace.

Protection. We are kept under the watchful eye of God.

Promises. The Bible is packed with promises, each one of which is infinitely precious to God's children.

Power. We have all the power of heaven and earth available to help us in our daily lives.

Presence. We have the very presence of God within us and around us. Jesus promised to be with us always. In my quiet time this week, I found a verse in the Psalm about the joy and privilege of walking in the light of His presence.

Providence. We have the personal providence of God over our lives, making sure that all things work out for our good.